

Chambers

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Mr. John R. Blandford  
Committee on Armed Services  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Russ:

I've just learned of your plans for leaving your old stamping ground, and I must say it is hard to visualize the Committee without you. Over the years you've been our candid critic, our staunch defender and our loyal friend, and you may be sure that this is something we won't forget.

I assume that for the immediate future you look forward to some well deserved rest and relaxation. But whatever may be your plans, you take with you our sincere thanks for your helpfulness in the past, and our warmest good wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

Richard Helms  
Director

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